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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**  
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In re Patent Application of:  
M. David BUTTS et al.

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For: CATHETER CONNECTOR

Examiner: Laura A. BOUCHELLE

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2008, for which a response is due on January 1, 2009. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.